

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A delivery device for delivering surgical anchors ~~at least one surgical anchor~~, the delivery device comprising:

- a. a housing,
- b. a delivery tube with distal and proximal ends,
- c. a reciprocating anchor carrier, with distal and proximal positions and distal and proximal ends, the distal end of the anchor carrier terminating in a tissue penetrator member, the reciprocating anchor carrier being moveable distally and proximally with respect to the delivery device,
- d. ~~at least one surgical anchor located in a juxtaposition with the anchor carrier~~ a plurality of surgical anchors located within the delivery tube and radially about the anchor carrier, each surgical anchor having a penetration section and a head section, an actuator having at least two states, the first state causing the anchor carrier to be in its proximal-most position and the second state causing the anchor carrier to be in the distal-most position with a perimeter of the penetration section of the surgical anchor ~~exposed~~ extending distally beyond the distal end of the delivery tube and being in contact with a target site.

17. (Currently amended) The device of claim 16 where ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors is formed from one or more absorbable polymers.

18. (Currently amended) The device of claim 16 where ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes a blunt distal end.

19. (Currently amended) The device of claim 16 where ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes one or more slits for removal from the anchor carrier.

20. (Currently amended) The device of claim 16 where ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes one or more barbs for engagement with the tissue.

21. (Previously presented) The device of claim 16 where the delivery device includes a queuing spring.

22. (Currently amended) The device of claim 16 where the delivery device includes at least two reaction members, each of the at least two reaction members extending radially inward and distally from an inner surface of the delivery tube.

23. (Currently amended) A delivery device for delivering surgical anchors ~~at least one surgical anchor~~, the delivery device comprising:

a. a housing,

b. a delivery tube with distal and proximal ends, the delivery tube defining a lumen therethrough and defining an inner surface,

c. at least two reaction members fixed in respect to the delivery tube, each of the at least two reaction members extending radially inward and distally from the inner surface of the delivery tube, and

d. a reciprocating anchor carrier, with distal and proximal positions and distal and proximal ends, the distal end of the anchor carrier terminating in a tissue penetrator member, the reciprocating anchor carrier being moveable distally and proximally with respect to the delivery device.

24. (Currently amended) The device of claim 23 further comprising at least one surgical anchor located ~~in a juxtaposition with~~ radially about the anchor carrier each surgical anchor having a penetration section and a head section.

25. (Currently amended) The device of claim 24 wherein ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes a blunt distal end.

26. (Currently amended) The device of claim 24 wherein ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes one or more slits for removal from the anchor carrier.

27. (Currently amended) The device of claim 24 wherein ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes one or more barbs for engagement with the tissue.

28. (Currently amended) The device of claim 24 wherein the reaction members are configured to allow passage therebetween of the surgical anchor in a single direction.

29. (Previously presented) The device of claim 23 wherein the delivery device includes a queuing spring.

30. (Currently amended) A delivery device for delivering at least one surgical anchor, the delivery device comprising:

a. a housing,

b. a delivery tube with distal and proximal ends, and

c. a reciprocating anchor carrier, with distal and proximal positions and distal and proximal ends, the distal end of the anchor carrier terminating in a tissue penetrator member, the reciprocating anchor carrier being moveable distally and proximally with respect to the delivery device, the tissue penetrator member having a proximal shoulder configured to removably retain a plurality of surgical anchors ~~surgical anchor~~ about the anchor carrier.

31. (Currently amended) The device of claim 30 further comprising ~~at least one surgical anchor located in a juxtaposition with~~ a plurality of surgical anchors located radially about the anchor carrier each surgical anchor having a penetration section and a head section.

32. (Currently amended) The device of claim 31 wherein ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes a blunt distal end.

33. (Currently amended) The device of claim 31 wherein ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes one or more slits for removal from the anchor carrier.

34. (Currently amended) The device of claim 31 wherein ~~the surgical anchor~~ each of the plurality of surgical anchors includes one or more barbs for engagement with the tissue.

35. (Previously presented) The device of claim 31 wherein the proximal shoulder of the tissue penetrator member is configured to smoothly transition into the distal end of the surgical anchor.

36. (New) The device of claim 30 wherein the delivery device includes a queuing spring.